GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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PROFIT MAKING ROUTES OF AI
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of domestic/international profit making routes of Air India flights at present;

(b) whether the Private Indian/Foreign Airlines have also been permitted to operate their flights on such routes;

(c) if so, the names of such airlines, country-wise;

(d) whether the Government propose to issue guidelines to increase Air India Flights on such routes instead of permitting private airlines;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a): From April 2001 to October, 2002, Air India has made profit on Gulf routes only.

(b) and (c) : Private Indian airlines are not permitted to operate on international routes, while foreign airlines are not permitted to operate on domesic routes. The international operations of foreign airlines to India are in accordance with the rights exchanged between India and other foreign countries which is on the basis of the principle of reciprocity and fair and equal opportunity. Therefore, equal rights are available to the foreign airlines to operate on all the routes where Air India is operating. Actual operations are decided by airlines concerned according to their commercial judgement and comparative yields on different routes.

(d) to (f) : Do not arise.